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St John's Smith Square

College music was heard at its very best in this elegant London church on Tuesday evening. The second half of the concert was given over to Britten's cantata St Nicholas and involved choirs from 4 of Sussex's leading prep schools as well as our own chamber choir. In the first part, the prep schools performed an exciting new work by Howard Blake, and earlier college singers and instrumentalists impressed the audience with some superb musicianship.



Classical Reading Competition

The Annual Sussex Classical Association Classical Reading Competition took place at the College last Tuesday evening. Competitors from BHHS, Hurstpierpoint College, Lancing and Lancing Prep competed against pupils from the College in reading passages of Greek and Latin aloud. This year the competition was particularly fierce; BHHS entered pupils for the first time in many years, Hurstpierpoint and Lancing entered their usual high standard of competitor. We were entertained by pairs of boys acting out scenes of domestic 'bliss' in the Junior section and extracts from the great orator Cicero in the Senior Latin section. Fergus Blair won the Intermediate Greek prize and both Cameron Dashwood, and Jo Saxby, received a 'Highly Commended' award for the Junior and Senior Latin sections respectively.

BCFS Summer Party 9th May 2009

Tickets are now on sale for this year's Brighton College Family Society Extravaganza.

We will arrive to the music of the Neil Carter Swing Band, Meet friends, and chat over champagne and canapes, Laugh at Terry Garoghan, The Unofficial Mayor of Brighton, and dance the night away to the 3D Mobile Disco.

Come and join us by sending a cheque for multiples of £20 made to Brighton College to BCFS, 9 Aymer Road, Hove BN3 4GB or for more info email hopscoth1@btinternet.com or phone 01273 710477

Girls' Games Presentation Evening

Parents and pupils are warmly invited to join us on **Monday 16th March**, in the PAC, to celebrate the achievements of all of our hockey and netball teams. The evening will be dedicated to a review of each team's achievements and the awarding of trophies for the Most Valuable and Most Improved players in each squad. It will start at 7.00pm and finish at 8.30pm; light refreshments will be provided.

BCFS Proudly Presents our
'Summer Party'

Entertainment by
TERRY GAROGHAN
The Unofficial Mayor of Brighton!
Star of Brighton The Musical and The Last Bus
to Whitehawk (Southern FM)

THE NEIL CARTER SWING
BAND AND DANCING
TO THE 3D ROADSHOW

**Saturday
9th May 2009**
8pm - 12 midnight

Tickets £20
per person
Including champagne
& canapés
Bar available
from 8.30pm

Brighton College
Great Hall

Tel 01273 710477 for tickets

End of term

A reminder that the Lent term ends at 12 noon after a final Chapel Service , with the School buses leaving at 12.15.

Distinctions

Congratulations to:

Emily Lewis, Chichester; Leila Redin, Chichester; Dominic Reid, Abraham; Imogen Riley, Fenwick; Tish Saunders, Fenwick.

Sports Review

Netball – Sussex Independent Schools Netball (SISNA)

The College had a hugely successful tournament on Saturday at Roedean. All five teams reached the finals, with U16 and U14 winning outright. Congratulations go to the talented players and to the dedication and expertise of their coaches.

1stVII

The 1st VII team played thoughtful, stylish netball and dominated their first 3 games. Laura Burt and Maddy Sava were clearly in control of the defending circle, winning rebounds and interceptions. There was crisp passing throughout the court from Emma Gibson and Jenny Rowlandson, and accurate feeds into the shooters from Emily Keighley and Katie Browning. Milly Cannon, Emma Thomas and Rosa Griffiths used a variety of tactics to get close to the post and their shooting percentages were high. The girls lost some of their rhythm against Burgess Hill and unforced errors led to defeat. However, in the semi-final against a talented Hurst side, they were back to their best and in the second half produced their strongest play of the season. Unfortunately, they had no answer to the height and power of the St Bede's circle players. Nevertheless, this was a very successful morning and the team put on a great display.

Group Games

v Eastbourne	Won	14 - 4
v Mayfield	Won	16 - 4
v Roedean	Won	11 - 4

Semi-Final

Hurst	Won	12 - 8
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Final

St. Bede's	Lost	2 – 17
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Under 16

The Under 16 As certainly kept the best till last as far as tournaments go when they stormed their way through the earlier rounds, scoring 67 goals and only conceding 6. After a comfortable win in the semi-finals (14 - 4) they then faced a very fast Hurst team. Thanks to considerable patience and calmness, each and every girl used their great skill and expertise to its limits and so controlled the match to win 10 - 6. Chloe Benford, Vicky Homer, Lora Maxwell and Louisa Papanicola played extremely well.

Group Games

BHHS	Won	17 - 1
Seaford	Won	13 - 2
Towers	Won	20 - 0
Moira House	Won	17 - 3

Semi-Final

Mayfield	Won	14 - 4
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Final

Hurst	Won	10 – 6
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Under 15

This was a fine display of great netball and team work by the Under 15 As. With a number of players either injured or ill by the final this did not stop the team playing versatility netball. Shan Thomas played well in defence and went on to play amazingly at GA both in her shooting and feed play into Georgia Adams who slotted the goals in the net.

Group Games

St. Bede's	Won	6 - 6
Moira House	Won	11 - 8

Burgess Hill	Won	11 - 5
St Bede's	Won	5 - 6
Semi-Final		
Ardingly	Won	12 - 7
Final		
St Bede's	Draw	6 – 6 full time
	Lost	2 - 3 extra time

Under 14

After a nervous start in the first match against Eastbourne the Under 14s played steady netball to reach the semi-final. Eastbourne were the opponents and a tough physical encounter ensued with Brighton winning by the same margin as in the earlier game. In the final against Burgess Hill the Under 14s team performance was outstanding. Great movement, slick passing, superb interceptions and fantastic shooting allowed the girls to play with great poise and maturity. Tabitha Worsley was the girl of the tournament where she dominated the centre court.

Group Games

v Eastbourne	Won	7 - 6
v Towers	Won	16 - 2
v Farlington	Won	13 - 2
v St Bede's	Won	13 - 2

Semi-Final

v Eastbourne	Won	7 - 6
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Final

v Burgess Hill Won 16 - 4

Football v Worth

The 1st XI found their finishing touch against Worth 1st XI with a 4 – 1 win. The game started competitively and it was Worth who took the lead against the run of play. An unlucky Rupert Young clearance ricocheted off another defender and fell into the path of the Worth striker who finished, in some style, from outside the box. Michael Chapman levelled the score with an opportunist goal after Brighton went close on a number of occasions. The two wing-backs then combined for Brighton's second when younger brother James Chapman delivered across the goal mouth for Luke Holbrook to finish at the back-post. Credit again goes to Brighton's back three who provided the solid base from which to play attacking football, particularly Steven Eckford who is just one of two U5th boys who have managed to break into the 1st XI this season. The Worth keeper had a very good game keeping Brighton out on a number of occasions, but was not good enough to keep a lively Collard-Watson out who made it 3-1. Michael Chapman finished off proceedings getting his brace and putting the game out of Worth's reach.

Despite being the stronger team and dominating possession and territory the 2nd XI struggled to assert their authority on the game with goals. An equaliser by Worth at the start of second half resulted in more nervous play but two late goals from M Thomas finally managed to put the game beyond Worth. Tim Brazier and Miles Holbrook were excellent in their defensive duties and full of determination and effort throughout. Won 3 – 1. With the last kick of the season Worth were able to put a dampener on a very strong 3rd XI performance and grab a draw which for long periods looked unlikely. The team passed with increasing confidence and looked dangerous throughout but especially in the second half, a hat-trick from Ocean Wisdom looked to have settled the game but a few moments of lost concentration allowed Worth to salvage something from the game. Overall the boys put in a very pleasing performance to cap a good season in which they have lost only two games with a 3 – 3 draw. The 5th XI Lost 8-3. The team played well in the first half it looked quite even from the start. Second half we let in an early goal and then moral vanished.

The Under 15 As saved their worst performance for the last game of the season but demonstrated a tenacity to overcome a very able Worth side by 2 goals to 1. The Under 15 Bs finished the season in style coming from a goal behind to win 4 - 1. Sam Johnson scored a good individual goal to level the game before half time and in the second half Brighton took full advantage of the slope and the wind to win the game with further goals from; Adam Chapman and two from Charlie Grey. Harry Grocott had a particularly good game in midfield by denying the opposition any time on the ball.

The Under 14 As put in their best performance of the season to beat Worth 2 - 1. After opening the scoring, Brighton relaxed and were punished by a quick goal from Worth. However, towards the end of the first half, Kiran Rajkumar gained possession in midfield, dribbled past a player and unleashed an unstoppable long range shot. The Under 14 Bs drew 1 – 1. In an exciting first half the Brighton side had most of the possession and a number of goal scoring opportunities before a well taken goal by Tom Rollinson five minutes before the interval gave the B team a well deserved lead.

Netball v Eastbourne

The 2nd VII got off to a good start 10 - 2 at quarter time and then proceeded to dominate play winning 35 - 14. Verity Turner, Anna Horner and Emily Close took superb interceptions, repeatedly breaking down the Eastbourne attack. Sally Murrills was much more intrepid as goalkeeper using her new skills in excellent fashion and the shooters and attackers were as usual brilliant. The 3rd VII won 37-26. The team played a dangerous game going 10 goals down in the second quarter but a combination of some superb centre court play, Claire Donner's interceptions as Wing Defence and accurate shooting by Rose Davis produced a convincing win in the end. A rather unchallenged 4th VII beat Eastbourne

32 - 7. The girls kept up a good spirit throughout the game and although this was their first game of the season, showed that they are definitely capable of paying at a high standard.

The Under 15 Cs won 21 -19 in a very exciting match. Stand-in Captain Sarah Maidment was asked to play out of position and led by example, playing with huge energy and commitment. The Under 15 Ds found the going tough against a strong Eastbourne side. Eastbourne took the lead early on and led throughout the match. Brighton battled well and the middle two quarters were their strongest. Captain Karina Papalaso had a very good game at centre, but all should be commended for their determination. Lost 21 – 7. The Under 14 B team lost 11- 23 to a strong Eastbourne team. Not at full strength the team defended well forcing Eastbourne to make errors. However, the team did not capitalise on these and panicked when in possession. Beth Kelly had another good game remaining composed throughout the match.

Rugby

1st XV – Bryanstan 7s

Group Games

Bryanston	Won	33-12
Downside	Won	36-7
Filton	Won	36-7

Cup Quarter Final

John Fisher	Won	24-5
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Cup Semi Final

Wellington	Lost	14-26
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2nd XV – Portsmouth GS 7s

Group Games

Rye	Won	10-5
Abingdon	Lost	20-0
Reeds	Lost	30-0

Plate Semi Final

Wimbledon College	Lost	15-0
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Under 16 – QE Barnet 7s

Group Games

Tonbridge	Lost	21 - 0
St Edward's, Oxford	Won	41 - 0
Sherbourne	Won	12 - 7

Plate Quarter Final

Bishop's Stortford	Won	15 - 0
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Plate Semi Final

QE Barnet	Won	17 - 14
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Plate Final

Bedford Modern	Won	44 - 0
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Under 14 – QE Barnet 7s

Group Games

Rugby	Won	34 - 0
Campion	Won	25 - 0
London Oratory	Lost	17 - 10

Plate Quarter Final

Aylesbury GS	Won	12 - 7
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Plate Semi Final

Eton	Won	22 - 7
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Plate Final

St George's Harpenden	Lost	38 - 0
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Midweek Matches

Under 14 Sussex Cup (Netball) – Final v Burgess Hill

The Under 14s produced a great team performance to defeat Burgess Hill in the final of the county cup. In a highly competitive game the Brighton girls wore down the opposition with their strong marking and interception skills. Danielle Naylor at GK played intelligently throughout, Charlotte Dodge dominated the centre court and the shooting pairing of Roisin Bennett-Odlum and Georgina Tyas worked tirelessly to find good shooting positions against physical opposition.

Under 14 Sussex Cup (Rugby) – Semi-Final v Beacon

The score suggests an easy victory, but it was a rather hard fought battle. The match was marked by very solid defence from Brighton College denying a physically much bigger Beacons side from ever taking the lead. Going into the break with a 20 – 7 lead, Brighton only once allowed Beacons back into the game in the 5 minutes after halftime. Lapses in defence caused Brighton to concede a try and took the score to 20 – 12. Although much bigger up front, the Beacons boys had no answer to Brighton's pace and finesse in the back three and outside centre. The game plan was to play in the opposition's half at all times and to apply maximum pressure when following up kicks and defending in general. This game plan was very well executed throughout the game.

Final Score 39 – 12

Netball v Portsmouth

This was a very tough match against a Regional qualifying side. There were times in all four quarters when the team was in the lead but could just not maintain it. Special mention today goes to Georgia Adams who played GK instead of GS and had a great match and Harriet Vans Agnew who quietly kept the centre court play flowing. Lost 26 – 32. The Under 15 Bs played a strong and composed game however started off slowly, unfortunately Portsmouth played a more fluent game than us capturing upon every opportunity. Brighton fought to the end of the game and reacted well to many changes. Good performances from Emily Gaffney in defence and Sasha Morse in attack.

Lost 30 – 12